

REMARKS


The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 3 has been cancelled, while claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 3.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,798,788 to Meechan et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,748,165 to Kubota et al. The Examiner has further rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meechan et al. in view of Kubota et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,777,631 to Green et al. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claim 3 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of the claims have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

by   
Edward W. Goodman, Reg. 28,613  
Attorney  
Tel.: 914-333-9611